Sister Sarah Newton Tarbox thought it orto to go to pay On the minister's back salary, an' Sarah had her say Until Sister Mary Coloy plinted out it wouldn't do Under sub-division sixty-six of chapter twenty-two.

Sister Sarah, squelched, set silent an' she wouldn't say a word Save thet now an' then, sarcastic, to the Circle she referred To the heathen, fat an' lazy, in a far-off furrin clime, An' the preacher outen flour more'n half the mortal time.

Sister Prudence Wilson Connors humbly ventured to suggest Thet the minister was needin' of a Sunday coat an' vest.

An' we argyed on it, prayerfull, till the whole plan was knocked out

By a leetle p'int of order raised by Sister Susan Stout.

Sister Prudence set there thoughtful through the follerin' debate, With her Christian sperrit ruffled, an' allowed she orto state Fer the clearin' of her conscience that she wouldn't oncet demur If we threw it in the river, it was all the same to her. Sister Amy Ellen Droppers thought the maney sh'u'd be lent

To some needy soul an honest at a moderate per cent.. But the by-laws of the Circle, so said Sister Sophy Squeer, On the plan of lendin money wa'n't exactly plain an 'clear.

Sister Amy Ellen hinted she had nothin' more t' sat. On the plan thet she suggested of the law stood in the way, But she said it was a piry the committee on expense Hadn't framed the Circle's by-laws in accord with common sense.

Sister Evalina Spriggins said she thought it plain to see What a Furrin Mission Circle's bounden duty orto be. An' she couldn't see how preachers of the Sperrit was to roam With the Furrin Mission Circles spendin' money here at home.

At which Sister Phoebe Lucy Brown arose, an', summat het. Said she guessed she knew her duty, an' she didn't choose to set An' to hear a sister hintin' in a most onehristian way. Thet the Furrin Mission Circle was a goin' fur astray! An' then Sister Spriggins told her thet she hadn't meant no slur

On the Furrin Mission Circle an', leastwise of all, at her, Said she knew that Sister Phoebe knew her business, it was true, An' she'd heerd she knew most everybody else's business, too. Then good Sister Patience Hitchcock said the Circle better burn

Every cent of it than quarrel, and she motioned to adjourn, At which Sister Ellen Jackson riz up slowly on her feet An' declared there was an error in the Circle's balance-sheet.

'Stid o' havin' forty dollars over all the fair's expense She had found we had a deficit of sixty-seven cents, She had got her figgers crosswise when she added up her sheets An' had put expended items in the column o' receipts!

So with harmony prevailin' Sister Spriggins led in prayer, An' Sister Phoebe Lucy Brown observed to Sister Blair
Thet we're all poor, mortal creeters, who don't seem to understand
How the good Lord holds us, helpless, in the holler of His hand!

—J. W. Foley, in the Century Magazine.

By MAE MARTIN.

Undine fluttered her fan nervously.

"Three meetings at public dances.

monsieur," she said, with a light

"Oh! don't trifle with me any more."

whole heart. Have you 10thing to

She held out her hand, from which

"To-night when we waltzed together

I knew that you loved me, and that

we must say good-by to-night, and

She drew a short, startled breath.

"That is what I am going to tell you.

"You would ask me-me, a strange

woman, whom you have only met

amusing herself at public dances, a

woman whose very name you don't

know, whose past you are ignorant of

-vou would ask me to be your wife?"

with what a humble heart hoping for

"No." he answered, "I don't love my

he set his teeth hard. "I gambled and

and I forged the name in whose office

course. I left his office, and for some

in what I feared was pinched retire-

ment, no one knew where. Two years

ago he sent for me. He was living at

bered that, but for him, I should have

been a branded man, cut off from any

society that I could ever care for, a

sort of rush of gratitude came over

me. I felt that there was nothing that

"'What is it you want?' I asked. 'Be-

lieve me, you can count on me for

"'Take care of my daughter,' he

"She was at the other side of the

"It wasn't her fault that she looked

"But what am I to do with your

He frowned a little.

"I would," he said. "Heaven knows

If I were free, I should now be asking

She turned her face to him.

less you tell me you love me."

"Speak." she said.

"And why?"

asked, quickly.

you to be my wife."

laugh that had a little discord in it.

The Casino des Fleurs was ablaze | They stepped out, and he closed the with light. As you came up the hill window after them. The gardens lay you could see through the orange trees stretched before them, bathed in moonand cypresses of its garden the flash light. In an angle of the balcony he and glitter of its many colored lamps set a chair for her, sat down beside slung from bough to bough. Along the her, and spoke. terraces and balconies gleamed rows "I have thought of nothing but you of brilliant tinted lights, and the soft, ever since I saw you last, and I have mellow glow of shaded lanterns swang | made up my mind to tell you everyand flickered in the charmed April air. thing, and to ask you-but first I want

Carriage after carriage stopped at to tell you in the plainest words what the steps to set down its burden of you know already-that I love you. cloaked and masked figures. Within, and I want you to tell me in your the rooms were already crowded, yet darling voice what I should insult you still more and more guests politely if I doubted-that you love mer shouldered their way into the big hall, for it was the night of the White Redoute, and all Cannes and half of Nice and Monte Carlo were there.

"One has to go, you know," said a stout Englishman in a white Turkish he broke in. "This is not play now; it dress trimmed with gold embroidery. is deadly earnest. I love you. I am "though I don't suppose it will be going to show you my whole life, ay much fun.'

His companion put his hands into say-nothing real? I can't speak the pockets of his silk breeches-he was dressed as a Breton peasant.

"One seems to be making an awful she had taken the white glove, and fool of one's self," he said, "but they clasped his brown figers with a tell me I must go, and Duval sent me | strong, soft pressure, in this dress. I suppose it's all right." And they passed on.

In the ballroom dancing had already

A young man dressed in the costume | never see each other again." Se a cavalier stood dangling his whitefeathered hat by the door. Below the golden lovelocks a touch of shadow round the ear betrayed his complexion, and a long, drooping moustache marked strikingly that portion of a pale face which the black velvet

mask had left visible. It presently became evident that he was waiting for some one.

A murmur of admiration ran along the double rows of spectators who stood at the door watching the new arrivals. A woman was coming up the red-carpeted steps, on a man's arm, a good answer. But I am not free. 1 of course. At the top of the steps am married." she dropped her hand from his sleeve, | "And do you love your wife?" she and walked forward alone.

This woman was clothed in long. flowing white draperies, crinkly and wife. Be patient with me, and let me sparkling as with dew or diamonds. tell you the whole miserable story-Long ribbons of golden waterseed and no concealments," he added, half to the current passed upward. great glistening white water lilies himself. "When I was a young man formed a wreath that fell from her I was a fool. I got into debt. I gamshoulder across her bosom, and so bled. I lost"-his voice trembled, and down to the hem of her skirt.

"Undine." said voice after voice, as lost," he went on, in a firmer voice, she went along.

She went by the waiting cavalier I was to pay my debts. I meant to head, smiled and passed on. But that It was Ascot. I could not pay the half-turn was enough. He followed money back. My employer behaved

"You witch." he said, offering his secret, and allowed me to pay the sum arm as he gained her side. "How is out of my salary. That cured me of one to recognize you? Thank Fate, the gambling, once for all. When I came mask does not cover the mouth, or I into the baronetcy and the estates, of should never have known you."

"Thank me, rather," she said, years I saw nothing of him. But I "Would you have known me if I heard with regret that his firm had hadn't been at the pains to smile failed, and that he himself was living

your way?" "No," he answered, frankly, "at least not at once."

They danced, many a clown, many Boulogne. When I reached him he a punch and peasant watched the cay- was dying, and when I saw him lying alier enviously as he swung his part- there in that poor room, and remem-

But when the last notes died away she leaned heavily on his arm. "I am tired." she said, rather weari-

ner around to the smooth step of the

ly; "let us rest; unless you have any I would not do for him in that hour. other name on your programme for the next dance?" "You know," he answered directly, everything."

"il. t I only came here to see you. 1 want to talk to you. You have never said. 'I leave her to you.' given me anything but dances-never your name, or a rose from your dress, bed, in a shabby grey gown, her eyes or even leave to spend a moment with red with weeping." you except in the dancing room. Give "Very plain, I suppose," put in Unme something to-night. Give me an dine. hour to talk to you in."

They passed through the crawa. through the room with the green like that," he said: "she had been crytables, where the "little horses" had ing till she could hardly see out of her just ceased to spin around to the tune | eyes. of rising or falling fortune. He pushed back a bright embroidered curtain, and daughter? I asked, and I saw in a opened the long window that led on minute what a position hers would be called the servants in and set it going.

of April nights is chilly even in the a fool: but at that moment nothing scribed. Aloks is now to be charged Mediterraneau. seemed to me to matter except that with fraud

So I said: "If your daughter will marry me, I will make her's good husband. 1 will take care of her."

he should die with his mind at rest.

"What did the girl say?" asked Un-

"She said 'No,' with obvious and unflattering sincerity," he answered

with a hard laugh. "But the old man raised himself in

ed and said: " 'Celia, this is a chance that will never come to you again. This is a good man'-God bless him for saying that-'and if you marry him I shall die easy and rest in my grave. Let me rest in my grave, Celia, and know that you are well cared for.'

"So we were married-and the next day he died."

"And what did you do? Did you take your wife home? Was that what you did?

"No. That's what I ought to have done. She would not see me after her father's death, and I left ber there while I went home to make arrangements for her reception at Everson Court. When I came back she was gene. She had left me a letter-here it is. I have never seen her since." Undine took the letter, and spread it out with hands that trembled a little.

It ran thus: "Dear Sir Albert Everson-Your goodness and generosity in marrying me to please my poor father have conferred an obligation on me that I can never forget. The least return I can make to you is to leave you all the freedom our unfortunate situation permits. Forget me and forgive me, if you can, for having brought this trouble into your life.

"CELIA." "What a stupid girl," said Undine. "Not at all," Everson answered. "I didn't see what else she could have done."

"Have you never heard from her again?"

"Yes, she writes to me every three months, and says she is doing well." Everson answered, "Oh, what a ghastly farce life is! Here I an. tied to her. She does not want me. And I want you, and all the tune of life rings backwards."

"The old man was right," she said, "you are very good." "And is that all you have to say?

Oh! give me some word of pity-some word of comfort!" "What can I say or do?"

"You can say 'Good-by and God bless you! You can take off your mask, and let me just this once see your dear you forgive me for having loved you. and for having told you so."

"Take off your mask first," she said. He broke the string, and it fell beside him on the floor. "Forgive me," she said for having

made you love me." "I have nothing to forgive," he answered. "Show me your face before we say good-bye forever."

She had locsened the mask, and was holding it in its place with her hand. "Why should we say 'Good-by?' " "He looked at her doubtfully. "Why? Have I not teld you why?"

She spoke sharply, resolutely. life to see you, to talk with you, to strong, much too strong for health, and make you love me, so that we need is served with the cup half full of wellnever part again. You love the masked lest cream. lady. Will it kill your love to know." she asked as she dropped the mask on her knee, "that the masked lady is



Magnetized places-spots attracting iron like the lodestone-are often noticed in volcanic rocks. They have been ascribed by Folgheraiter to lightning, but he knew of no magnetized rocks that had been tested before the lightning struck.

Two investigators had been testing rocks near Mount Etna when, during the night lightning fused a telephone wire, from which an unipsulated earth wire ran along a basaltic wall, which had previously shown scercely a trace of magnetism. Next morning the stones of the wail were strongly magnetic for five inches on hor sides of the wire, the polarity indicating that

To enable people to send their voices to their friends through the mails is the ambition of three French inventors. who have united their incenuity in the production of a wax-like material called "sonorine," which may be spread with the black moustache, turned her pay it back if I won on the next race. upon a postcard. Spoken messages may be impressed upon the prepared cards by placing them in a phonograadmirably, told me that he knew my phic apparatus, into which the sender speaks, and the receiver of such a card has only to put it through a receiving phonograph in order to hear the voice of his friend as in a telephone.

> What is now known as hypnotism was heralded nearly half a century age as of great importance in medical diagnosis and as a moral aid in training children, and much greater powers have been assigned to it in recent years. A late French writer has shown that its usefulness has been greatly exaggerated. It affects only wills too weak to be aided, and it can have no value in systematic education. Gresset has concluded that it is so often Larmful that it should be employed only by the practiced physician.

Forgery by phonograph is a new erime discovered in Hungary. The son of a wealthy peasant proved an ora. will of his father by testimony of servnts who heard a voice from the dying parent's bed, saying, "I leave all my property to my eldest son, Alois, and my other children are to get nothing." Such a statement is valid in Hungary. Subsequently, however, the police were informed that the voice the servants heard was not that of his father, but that Alois had spoken the words into a phonograph. He had placed the instrument under his father's bed, and when the old man lost consciousness; as the ward of a young unmarried The police searched his house and There was no one there, for the air man. I cared for no one else. I was found the phonograph record as de-

0996699999999999999999999 : Household Matters.

How to Disinfect a Room.

Get a large-size metal bath, and partly fill with water. Partly fill a pail with water, and stand in the bath, On the pail place an old metal tray; and see that it stands firmly. On the tray put two or three pounds of powdered sulphur moistened with methylated spirit. Have all apertures, save your door of exit, closely shut, and all their crevices stooped. Set

fire to the sulphur. When you have quitted the room attend to the door. Open twelve hours later. Although this reads very simply, the matter is not so satisfactory as might be supposed. Wall papers, and not seldom colored fabrics are damaged by the fumes. The writer's opinion is that fumigation for clothing, etc., is a mistake. Even dry air fails because it does not peneirate properly, says Home Notes. Boiling, or treating by superheated steam will always give good results.

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Kitchen Helps. A kitchen convenience which is ...ot present in every household is a pair of sharp scissors. Seissors are used to trim lamp wicks-which is wrongand cut papers and string; but seldom for trimming bacon and ham rinds, skinning and trimming salads. These are proper uses for the scissors, and the use of them saves much labor.

Every housewife should cultivate the habit of five-minute naps. After working hard a few hours a woman is apt to feel sleepy or "dragged out," and imagines that it is only that ordinary sin of the flesh-laz ness. But if she gives in to the feeling and rests for a short time on a comfortable lounge she will feel wonderfully freshened and will do better and quicker work than if she had foregone ker catnap.

Green food is almost in lispensable to capacy birds, but if lettuce is scarce a good substitute may be had by planting a little of their favorite seed in small flower pots and allowing it

Ways to Serve Coffee.

Various are the ways of serving coffee, and the beverage is really seriously affected in taste by the way the cream or milk and sugar are added to it. The English way is to pour into the cup simultaneously coffee and hot face. Tell me your name, and tell me milk. This kind of coffee is said to make the least demands or the digestion. The French prefer cafe au lait at the morning meal and black coffee at other meals. Cafe an lait is sometimes made by adding hot milk to plain coffee, but is better when made as follows: Place in an earthen or granite ware pot a quart of milk and let it heat almost to boiling. Then add four tablespoonfuls of freshly ground coffee. Shuffle the pot back and forth on the stove until the cafe comes to a boil. Let it rest five minutes before serving. This also is fairly innocuous, but what is to be said for Cuban coffee, which is delicious. "I have made it the business of my at least. The coffee is made extra

Do You Know-

That cake may be kept fresh by putting a fresh apple in the cake box. That any kind of canned fish should be put into a colander a few hours before it is used and boiling water

That if soup is too salty several slices of raw potato should be added. Boil a few minutes longer when the potato will be absorbed with the salt, says the New York Mail.

poured over it.

That cracked eggs may be boiled if a spoonful of vinegar is added to the

That if lettuce leaves that have just been washed are dropped into a bag made of old table linen the moisture will be immediately absorbed if the lettuee is shaken about.

That mashed potatoes are very much improved if bits of green pepper are worked into them.

That the taste of boiled water may be improved if it is thoroughly beaten up with an egg beater.

That the bread box will be in a much better condition if it is lined with heavy manila paper that is changed twice a week. The bread keeps much longer, without any possibility of mold-



Fruit Cookies-One cup chocolate raisins, one cup butter, three cups flour, three eggs, one-half cup molasses, two-thirds cup sugar.

May Blossom Cake-Beat to a cream three-quarters of a cup of butter, with one of sugar, add one-half cupful of sweet milk and two cupfuls of flour; then beat senarately the yolks and whites of ten eggs, and after beating thoroughly together add to the cake mixture: stir in two terspoonfuls of baking powder and lastly a cupful of blanched almonds. Cover with a white icing and place almond meats on top to suggest blossoms.

Bread Pudding-One and one-haif slices of bread, one pint of milk, two eggs, piece of butter as large as English walnut. Sugar to taste. Salt and a little nutmeg. Hot Chocolate Sauce for Pudding-Boll one cap water and one-half cup sugar three minutes. Mix three teaspoons grated chocolate and one teaspoon cornstarch with twothirds cup of milk. Stir in with sugar and water. Boil until it thickens a little.

Lemon Pie-One cup sugar and one large cooking spoon of flour, mixed thoroughly. Then add juice and grated rind of one large or two small lemons, one cup boiling water, small piece butter and one whole egg and yolks of two more. Stir all together and cook in double boiler (or over hot water) until thick. Bake crust first. Make a rich crust, prick with a fork all over, every inch; bake a nice brown, turn in the filling and cover with meringue made of whites of



Speech of a Wise Man.

OOD roads was the keynote of one of the ablest speeches made in Congress this session. It delivered in the House of Representatives by Representative Lee, of Georgia, who, with telling force, brought out fact after fact about the deplorable condition of American roads generally. It is a significant fact that his speech was listened to with the closest attention by members of the House. Representative Lee began by saying

that all civilized governments build roads, and that all save our own have some established system for building and maintaining public highways, under the direction of skilled and competent officials. Early in this century some work of this kind was done by the Federal Government. The dawn of railway building and steam transportation, he said, seems to have largely drawn public attention and enterprise from our common highways, as a natural consequence, for more than fifty years - years that have been full of for many years, but the characteristics our chicken yards, and feed to them of throbbing life and vigor for us as a nation; years that have no parallel in the history of our race for triumphs of man over nature: years that have been filled with a succession of wonders and triumphs in every field of human thought and endeavor. But the greatest wonder of all these wondrous years is that as a nation we have utterly ignored our country roads, and we seem surprised when we look about us and find them no better than they were half a century ago.

Confinuing. Mr. Lee said: "The able Secretary of Agriculture estimates that the cost, the extra burdens imposed upon this country by bad roads, is not less than \$600,000,000 annually. These figures almost stagger credulity, but who can gainsay them? And yet, when a bill was recently introduced in this House to appropriate \$25,000,000 annually for abating this great and continning loss, it was ridiculed in some quarters as a fake-visionary and impracticable-as if it were wild and unreasonable to stop a leak of hundreds of millions of dollars with this compargively small appropriation. But those who reviled it have not seized upon the opportunity to propose a better plan. Forty millions of dollars were promptly handed out from the public treasury to pay for the privilege of spending \$200,000,000 more to dig a ditch in foreign lands more-than 1006

miles from home. Not one-hundredth of onemer cent. of our people will ever see it; not one in 1000 of our people will ever feel his burden lightened or his joy and comforts of life increased when it is finished. One-half the sum it will cost, if intelligently expended upon our public highways during the next ten years, would give 100 times as many comforts and pleasures to 1000 times as many of our people. The canal will be a great public utility, no doubt, but better roads are a crying public need,

-If the army needs a road it gets it. Even our possessions in the Far East, the Philippine Islands, have been the objects of our selicitous care to the extent of expending \$5,000,000 in building roads for them. Porto Rico, though not much larger than some of our counties, has had over \$3,000,000 expended upon its roads since it came into our possession. During our brief occupancy of Cuba our Government expended \$2,500,000 upon its public roads. Even these little dots in the Pacific, the Hawallan Islands, have come in for a share and have a contemplated expenditure of \$2,500,000 upon their roads. These various sums aggregate \$13,000,-000 that have been expended during the past few years in building roads. not a foot of which lies within the United States. What have we against our own people that we should deny to them blessings that are freely extended to the idle islanders of the seas?

"But other interests and forces are coming to the aid of the solitary and unorganized farmer. His friends in the cities, having grown rich and equipped themselves liberally with selfpropelled vehicles, want better roads to roll them over, and they are interested in the problem of the roads. The manufacturer, learning from experience that bad roads interfere materially with his obtaining steady and continuous supplies of raw material, wants the reads improved. The millions of operatives in the mines, factories and shops are learning that bad roads increase the cost and disturb the regular supply of food products from the farms which they must have, and they want better roads. The merchant haslearned that bad roads retard and repress trade, and he wants them mended. Our Postoflice Department is greatly hindered and hampered in its efforts to supply to the country regular and reliable mail service for lack of better roads. In fact, it would be hard to name an interest, an industry, or an individual who would not be benefited by better roads."

Representative Lee said that if he had the privilege of writing upon the statute books a law that had more of the promise and potency for immediate and lasting good to all the people than any law that has been proposed or discussed in the House, it would be a law creating a Department of Public Highways, to act through and in conjunction with State, county and municipal authorities in redeeming the country from the throes and thralldom of its miserable roads, and he would give that department not less time \$50,000,-000 a year until the work had reached a satisfactory stage of advancement.

"So here we are," said he, "right in the middle of the road, and the sorriest kind of a road at that. 'A condition confronts us, not a theory.' Are not 100 years of observation long enough to convince us that the roads will not reform themselves?"-The Automobile.

Hate a Unred Cold.

"I've got a fresh cold." Representaive John Wesley Gaines, of Tennessce, complained

"Why have a fresh one?" usked Representative Stanley, of Kentucky. Why not have it cured?"

SOUTHERN : FARM : NOTES.

The Soy Bean.

shape for feeding.

and forage producers.

can be determined.

yielding power.

At present it is

of the State this fall.

opportunity to do so.

furnished to the station.

best methods as follows:

winter season.

Cost of Keeping Hens.

Farm and Ranch gives the figures of

tured seed early in September.

TOPICS OF INTEREST TO THE PLANTER, STOCKMAN AND TRUCK GROWER.

and ready to learn from others now A professor of the Virginia Experi- But while this is true, we are able to ment Station wrote to the Southern | say we know there is profit in poultry Planter a recommendation of the soy keeping, because we have made it pay. bean. It may not be as valuable for and on practical lines, as well as with this State as the velvet bean, but it | pure bred fowls in the fancy egg and has one advantage that will be appre- poultry trade.

ciated in many places, that it is not a | And now to the facts of personal exclimber. The velvet bean is such a perience on the question of profit: And rampant grower that it is difficult to in this summary is not taken into conkeep it from overrunning the orange | sideration the production of the hens. trees in a grove. The evidence seems as to whether they should be raised to indicate that it is quite as good or purchased-taking the ground that for stock and less trouble to get in in point of value they represent in themselves their cost of existence to The soy bean is one of our most val- their keeper, that they can be disposed uable leguminous crops, rivalling the of at any given time for what it cost cowpea, and surpassing it in many sec- to produce them. With this fact settions where the elevation is high and tled, the question of profit is narrowed the climate cool. It withstands a down to the single one of the cost of drought very well, and will thrive sur- food and the value of the eggs proprisingly well on poor, dry soils. Soy duced. In counting the cost of food in our

beans will grow under many conditions of soil and climate unfavorable to cow- personal experience, we charge up peas and other legumes. The value of every item excepting that of green the soy bean as a soil improver has food in spring, summer and autumn, been known to the farmers of the State | for we raise it ourselves, outside of of the different varieties are, as a rule, a morning while it is fresh and crisp. not well understood. This is unfor- We raise Essex rape, oats and wheat tunate, for some of these varieties are sprouts for this purpose, and as neither worthless, while others are good grain requires any cultivation, the cost is a mere trifle. It may be that during the Several varieties were grown on the season that grows this green stuff, the station test plant last season which fowls and chicks get all the bugs, insects, etc., that they require. But durfailed to mature seed, while others maing the cold season green cut bone is The soy bean commonly used fed to them three or four times a week, throughout the south is an excellent and on those days the grain ration is variety for many sections, but failed to cut down correspondingly. The meat mature seed at Blacksburg last season. and the bone ration is much more nec-This bean was sold by the seedmen essary for the hers in cold weather to without any variety name for many keep them laying than the green food years, but was given the name of is at that season. On the other hand, Mammoth Yellow by this station on in the mild season, the meaty ration account of its large growth and to dis- can be dispensed with to a great extinguish it from other varieties. Lately tent, if the green stuff is freely supthis variety has been advertised by plied.

some of the seedmen under this name, We feed our hens grain-corn, oats and we hope to be able to get every and wheat mixed, twice daily, and the seedman throughout the country to green food, or cut bone, as the case give the soy bean that they are selling may be, only one time on the days some definite name, and then the use- when they are supplied with either. ful qualities of the several varieties And while the cut bone ration may be omitted every other day, the green The best yielding varieties at this food should be given freely in season. station last year were, first, the Jap- The Essex rape, which produces a anese, which matured September 1. large, flexible leaf, becomes in this and gave a yield of 15.25 bushels per | way one of the chief articles of the acre; the second best yielding variety hens' diet, and not a mere relish, for was the the San Yellow, which ma- they eat of it more heartily, and it tured see I September 17, and gave a strongly colors their droppings. It is yield of ' 1.3 bushels per acre; the third a most excellent egg producer. This best yielding variety was the Extra system is followed in keeping hens Early Black, which matured Septem- yarded where there is some grass, but ber 1, and gave a yield of 13.2 bushels which is such a wiry nature that its per acre. The Holybrook and Breck's only value consists in its being a harbor soy bean, which are similar to the for bugs, etc., which the hens catch of Mammoth Yellow, failed to mature a night and morning.

We find that we can keep our hens in seed at this station, but would no doubt do so on the Costal plain region. thrift and profitable laying condition One can readily see that a great mis- after this system, at a cost of \$7 per take could be made in buying seed hundred, monthly; or \$84 per hundred of the soy bean without knowing the annually. And under these conditions variety name and understanding some- they lay an average of 150 eggs per thing about its date of ripening and her during the twelve months. The price will average, taking the year round, eighteen cents per dozen, alwriter where seed of the Japanese pea though in the early springtime it is soy bean can be obtained, but the Vir- nearer thirty cents a dozen than the ginia Experiment Station expects to average price named. An easy calculahave seed of this variety to distribute tion will show that the value of the In small quantities among the farmers eggs laid by each hen is \$2.25, while the cost of her keeping is about eighty-Those receiving seed will be expected four cents. This is on a market basis. to grow the beans under our direction Of course, if a man has a fancy trade, and sell them to their neighbors at a getting \$1.50 a setting for his eggs in reasonable cost so that any desiring to the hatching season, and gets three test the value of this crop may have an settings from each hen during that time, the profit from the hens is sev-Any information concerning the dif- eral dollars each. Our purpose in this ferent varieties of the soy bean or their article, however, is to show we can value in the rotation will be cheerfully | make and do make it pay on a market basis.

Better Keep 2 Cow.

The Southern Ruralist asks some the cost of keeping the hens and the questions and then gives some good Taking the bens as the basis -- as the advice. Only those who have bas a capital invested-the question of profit cow that gave an abundant supply of hinges on her utility, the amount it milk and butter, and have then been costs to feed her, and the number of without, can appreciate the value of eggs she can be made to or induced to such a comfort.

lay in a year, or any given period of How many cows do you keep on your time. We are sure that this question farm? Do you have all the milk and is not taken very seriously by farmers. butter you need for family, and do because they seldom give their hens you make any to sell? These are perany particular care or attention, and tinent questions, friends, for if you in a great many cases do not feed fail to have all the milk and butter ther at all, except in the non-productive you need for home consumption you don't half live. The writer remembers Still, the whole question of poultry when we only had one cow at the keeping hinges right here, for no one Ruralist farm and when she went dry, would care to engage in a losing enter- how we were forced to resort to the prise. There must be something tangi- tin cow, and eat store butter until she ble about it-something like a founda- came in again. Things went mighty tion to it, and the chances to gain by dry, I can tell you. The cornbread was it through work and time devoted to hard and the biscuit didn't taste natit by those who are in earnest, seek- ural. Even Ted, the dog, sniffed at ing to solve the problem favorably, to his dinner suspiciously, and ate slowly and with little relish. We stood it for To give facts that are of any value while, and then we bought another to others, a person can only fully and cow and began to live again. Our stomtruthfully recite personal experience, ach once more regained that comforta-The writer, as most of our readers ble feeling, and we feel sure that a know, is a keeper of poultry, and has case of indigestion was averted. Not had much to say on the subject in only this, but the spirits of the cook these columns, and in other papers of revived, and we were no longer similar class, for a period of twenty ashamed to invite friends home to years. And yet, our experience is lim-dinner. Better keep a cow, friends. ited, and we stand open to conviction, and be happy and healthy.

Pointed Paragraphs.

their financial betterment.

A homely girl always selects a girl omelier than herself for her brides- lover.

Heavenly considerations often appear trifling to a man until he has ome treasure there.

The Bible contains the mathematics of morality, the trigonometry . of truth, the biology of the blessed life. the science of the soul.

There are men of money who think they are lending their gold to the his santanic majesty more than his Lord while the colleges are paying due. them back by degrees.

The man whom God can only use to kindle fires cannot understand why ents in sight. those who are strong enough for joists are not whittled up as he is. Even the lazy man makes at least

one strenuous effort to see how little he can accomplish. You can always make a satisfactory deal with an honest man-unless

you are in the dishonest class.

Reflections of a Bachelor. All the world loves to laugh at a Circumstances induced by a rail-

road wreck alter cases. Every man pays for what he gets

-either in coin or self-respect. Some people take offense because there is nothing else lying around

loose.

Too many men seem anxious to give Most elopements are due to the

fact that there are no wedding pres-There is nothing more unattractive

than a silk hat that has outlived its Hatred is often the result of

knowing but one side of a person. The middle aisle is the most satisfactory bridle path,